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Cuba Seeks Security Council Debate Over Validity of Sanctions by OAS

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UNITED NATIONS, N.Y., Aug. 7—Cuba is intensifying its efforts for a Security Council meeting to debate the validity of the Organization of American States resolutions designed to enforce diplomatic and economic sanctions by OAS member states against Cuba.

It would require hard-working support from the Soviet Union to persuade Council members into agreeing to such a meeting, but a reliable source suggested today that the Soviet Union will make its position known by the beginning of next week.

It may well be that the Soviet Union will use the Cuban request to demonstrate to its satellites its dependability as an ally as distinct from Communist China, which so far has not offered any noticeable support to North Viet-Nam in its current encounter with the United States.

Cuba is pressing for a Security Council meeting under Article 53 of the U.N. Charter, which states that "No enforcement action shall be taken under regional arrangements or by regional agencies without the authorization of the Security Council."

This, however, is not the first time that the OAS has voted for mandatory sanctions. It was first done against the Trujillo regime in the Dominican Republic. At that time the Soviet Union made no move for Security Council consideration, probably because that might have been interpreted as support for the Trujillo regime.

Nor did the Western powers at that time act in the United Nations, beyond notification of the action taken, and the assumption seems to have developed that OAS resolutions for sanction need not be brought before the Security Council for action. In any case, it was believed by some here that Cuba would seriously press its point only if there is evidence of active pressure on the four countries that did not vote for the OAS resolution, Mexico, Chile, Uraguay and Bolivia, to aply the sanctions nevertheless.

Whether there is pressure of the four countries, Cuba now seems bent to make its point. It seems doubtful that the United States could successfully resisit a Soviet demand for a Council meeting to consider the OAS resolution. What is equally certain is that the United States could successfully resist a Soviet attempt to condemn the OAS resolution.